

TROOP 317

Johns Creek, GA

October 2007



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Important Dates to Remember

October 2	Troop Meeting - 7:00 pm
October 6 – 7	Compassion in Action Weekend
October 9	Troop Meeting - 7:00 pm CAMPOUT PAYMENT DUE
October 16	Troop Meeting - 7:00 pm
October 19 – 21	Troop Outing – Biking <i>Rockmart, Georgia</i>
October 23	Troop Meeting – PLC ONLY <i>Newly Elected Patrol Leaders, Ass't Patrol Leaders and all Troop Staff</i>
October 30	Troop Meeting – 7:00 pm ALL PARENT MEETING

October Campout – Biking

For the October campout, we will be visiting “The Rock” on a biking trip. “The Rock” is on the Silver Comet Trail . One of our past biking campouts was on the Silver Comet Trail. The trail was built on an old railroad track. As a result, the trail is very flat and smooth. We will be able to bike anywhere from five miles to fifty miles. The camp has large open fields that are great for Frisbee and other field sports and activities. The camp is about an hour and a half away from the church. To prepare for the trip, we request that all scouts and adults get their bikes inspected and in good working order before the trip. More information will follow in the upcoming meetings.

<http://www.rockmartfestivals.com/index.htm>

The deadline for payment and commitment to this campout is **Tuesday, October 9**. You should have already received the required **Permission Slip** via e-mail. Please be courteous to your Troop and Patrol by being on-time with your payment and permission slip.

Compassion in Action Weekend

Compassion in Action weekend is a major event for Perimeter Church. It is a chance to reach out to the least and the lost. Over 100 churches “Unite” to participate in this event. As scouts, it is part of our duty to God and our country serve. Remember that this counts as service hours toward all ranks above First Class. On Saturday, October 6, we have three opportunities to serve:

- Children’s Restoration Network (CRN) at the Ellis Street Shelter 8:30 am
Contact: Mrs. Sells, rhondasells@comcast.net
- Jars of Clay Shelter on Sims Street in downtown Atlanta 8:30 am
Contact: Mr. Lumsden, dlumsden@ctflegal.com
- Duluth Hands of Christ - We will be collecting food to stock the food pantry. Last year, we filled over 20 banana boxes with food. We are asking scouts to work a shift sometime between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm at the Kroger located at Pleasant Hill Road and Peachtree Industrial.
Contact: Mr. Clark, a.brooks.clark@gmail.com

Congratulations!

At last week’s meeting, Nathan Aldana and Caleb Connell were presented with certificates for completing National Youth Leadership Training, also known as Green Bar. Green Bar is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide leadership training for Youth Leaders. It is limited to those who have been recommended by their Scoutmaster for their leadership skills and potential.

The course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. These skills come alive as the patrol goes on a Quest for Leadership.

Congratulations to Caleb and Nathan on their accomplishment. We look forward to their exercising their leadership on behalf of our Troop.

Wood Badge Beading

On September 25, Mr. Van Cleave was recognized for completing his **Wood Badge** ticket. Wood Badge is the most advanced training available for adult Scout Leaders.

The Wood Badge course is designed around two weekend practical training sessions. These sessions are followed up by the participant working on their “ticket”. The ticket is composed of a number of goals related to the Troop, District and Council. Once the ticket is completed, the participant is awarded his second Wood Badge bead, along with a distinctive neckerchief.

Mr. Van Cleave joins Mr. Morrow, Mr. Aldana, Mr. Heringer and Mr. Barker as “beaded” Wood Badge participants.

Fall Open House

Our fall recruitment open house was well attended. Seventeen potential scouts and their parents came to hear about Troop 317’s mission, vision, and values.

As we take on these new Scouts, it is very important that we demonstrate good Scout Spirit in helping them to get engaged, learn Scout skills, and helping them feel welcome in our Troop.

A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Deitsch, Mr. Little, Mr. Clark and Mr. Mitchell for helping coordinate and present our Troop information to these prospective Scouts and their parents.

Merit Badge Counselors Needed

We still need Merit Badge Counselors for our program. We now have 41 Scouts at First Class Rank and above. Without earning Merit Badges, these Scouts will not be able to advance.

To volunteer, contact your son’s ASM or Mr. Thompson (robert.thompson@us.mwhblobal.com).

Our future Eagle Scouts thank you!

Helpful Scouting Links

Here are some helpful websites for more information on Scouting in general:

<http://www.troop317.com>

<http://www.scouting.org>

<http://olc.scouting.org>

<http://www.usscouts.org>

<http://www.meritbadge.org>

<http://www.boyslife.org>

<http://www.scoutingmagazine.org>

<http://www.miltonbsa.org>

<http://www.atlantabsa.org>

Future Newsletters

If you would like to submit information to the newsletter, please contact Nic Orangio, Troop Scribe.

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***“And whatever you do,
whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name of
the Lord Jesus, giving
thanks to God the Father
through him.”***

Colossians 3:17